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1. Introduction

The aim of this policy is to set out the goals, basic principles, general rules general rules and guidelines, code of conduct, procedures and structure of the participation in sport at White River Primary School. The policy aims to improve the communication between parents, children, sport coordinators, teachers, coaches, sport committees and all those involved in sport at the school.

2. Vision, Mission and Values

2.1 Vision

Our vision for the sport is that we will strive to be a school where excellent education is offered in a balanced environment with an excellent extra-mural programme where all our children can nurture their sporting -and life skills through experiencing competitive sport.

2.2 Mission

Maximum voluntary participation

- Skills development for all
- Skilled and enthusiastic coaches
- Healthy competition across many sporting codes
- Talent identification
- Teamwork
- Positive Attitude
- Honesty
- Professionalism
- Sports participation and coaching that is child-oriented
- To compete competitively

2.3 Values

Our values are as follows:

- Our children are our focus.
- Our children should live out their own ideals, not those of their parents.
- We are committed to being involved in our school's sport.
- We encourage everyone to grow through participation.
- We care for and respect each other.
- We recognize individuality and encourage group participation.
- We respect our cultural differences.
- We strive to cultivate a positive outlook on life in our children.
- We strive for honesty and integrity.
- We support participation of all, including the parents.
- We promote leadership qualities and reward good sportsmanship.

We develop self-confidence in the learners through sport.

- We cultivate loyalty among learners.
- We want to develop a good, healthy attitude in learners, through sport.
- We recognise the fact that parents and teachers serve as role models to children and encourage parents and teachers to live out these values.

3. Presentation of Sports

3.1 Sporting codes

The following sporting codes are offered at White River Primary School:

- Athletics
- Swimming
- Hockey and Mini Hockey
- Cricket and Mini Cricket
- Cross-Country
- Cycling
- Netball and Mini Netball
- Seven's rugby
- Rugby and Bulletjie rugby
- Chess
- Tennis and Mini-Tennis
- Biathlon
- Soccer

3.2 **Sporting code seasons**

Division of the various sports is done on a termly basis according to each sport's season.

3.3 **Sport Program**

Practice times are determined by the sport organiser in conjunction with the Deputy Principal - Sport prior to the start of a season and approved by the School Management Team.

Additional practices may be arranged, if there are no clashes with other sports or cultural activities that have already officially determined on the extracurricular programme.

4. **Structure**

4.1 The **Principal** of the school is the overall head of all sports.

4.2 The **Deputy Principal Sport** is responsible for the management and coordination of sport. He/she will oversee all sport communications in conjunction with the communications officer.

4.3 The **Sport Organiser** (Teacher) is responsible for the management, coordination and specific communication of a specific sport. This person works with the Deputy Principal Sport and the Principal to appoint the necessary coaches and assistant coaches.

4.4. The **Coach** is responsible for coaching a specific sport. The coach must, if he/she is not qualified, attend courses as arranged by the sport organisers. The coach must also be able to act as a referee at matches.

5. **Code of Conduct**

Codes of conduct are drawn up to remind parents, learners and staff that sport is administered, organized and presented as a game for the benefit of the young children who want to participate.

White River Primary School places more emphasis on the educational value of sport rather than the winning factor.

In addition, we would like to add the following matters, specifically aimed at creating a positive sporting behaviour:

5.1 Code of conduct for learners.

Although participation in sport is a physical activity and there is competition involved, every

Child must realise and learn how to be a good and exemplary sportsman or sportswoman.

"The real sportsman will uphold the 'unwritten' rules of the game".

As a participant in extracurricular activities at White River Primary School, a participant should realise that he/she is always an ambassador for the school, and will therefore obey the following:

- Always set an example of good sportsmanship.
- Always show respect for teammates, opponents and the referee.
- Always remember that as part of a team the team's interests are placed above their own interests.
- Always be loyal to teammates and never let them down by needlessly staying away from practices or stop practicing a sport in the middle of a season.
- Always be on time for practices, matches and competitions.
- Handle all equipment with respect.
- Stick to the rules of the game.
- Accept and acknowledging a defeat with true sportsmanship and without excuses
- Be humble in victory.
- Always give of your best, for the sake of yourself and your team and remain a student of the game.
- Do not make belittling remarks towards your teammates or opponents.

The following list contains examples of unacceptable behaviour:

- Late for matches.
- Miss practice without a valid reason.
- Sloppy appearance or incorrect dress.
- Unsportsmanlike action.
- Personal comments towards opposers.
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- Use of foul language.
- Challenging the referees' authority.
- Losing or damaging of equipment (e.g., tennis racket or cricket bat)
- Any action that could compromise the school's good name.

5.2 Code of Conduct for parents

The principal remains responsible for the conduct and conduct of his parents, staff and learners.

- The Principal and staff must at all times set an example for the parents and children.
- Parents should not be guilty of crude language, reviling or only of players, coaches or match officials.
- Set the example to the players by accepting the officials decisions.
- Parents keep in mind that players participate for their own enjoyment and their own personal performance, and not for the pleasures of the parents.
- Show respect towards the opponents.
- Parents may not interfere with the game plan of the coaches by giving certain commands children during the match
- Parent-coaches may only coach a sport/team with the principal's permission, and in exceptional cases where his/her child is involved.

5.3 Code of Conduct for staff

- Always be on time for practices and matches.
- Always be appropriately dressed for practices and matches.
- Be an ambassador for the school at all times.
- Never cancel a practice on the same day, or without permission from the Principal Deputy head of sport.
- Always be prepared for practices and matches

5.4 Procedures in case of misconduct

Where a parent/staff member /pupil has misbehaved, it is the responsibility of the

Principal/Governing Body/Principal of Sport to convey to this individual the message that his/her actions are not acceptable. If this person does not heed the reprimand, he/she must be requested, in the interest of all parties, to not attend or participate in further matches.

6. Communication

Communication is central to the successful practice of sport at our school. Communication must be regular, timely, and complete. Communication is the responsibility of the Communications officer, Deputy Principal Sport and the various sport organiser(s), this is done by means of newsletters, D6 Communicator, WhatsApp groups and tear-off slips. If a parent wants to discuss something about a player, the coach must be contacted.

7. Logistical planning

Logistical planning is the responsibility of the Sport Organiser(s) in collaboration with the transport officer at the school. Children who are transported by school-owned transport must submit a letter of permission to their relevant coaches that signed by the parents.

Transport arrangements must be communicated to the parents 2 days before the sporting event by the sports organizer.

8. Facilities and sports equipment

The school has excellent facilities for practices and matches for the various sporting codes.

The ground's manager in collaboration with the Deputy Principal - Grounds is responsible for the maintenance and condition of the sports fields. Every individual using the facilities is responsible for leaving in a clean and tidy.

All children and coaches must handle sports' equipment and facilities with respect and responsibility.

Any form of vandalism or damage is considered a serious offence. Such players/coaches are subject to the school's disciplinary procedure, as well as the cost of replacement at the person's own expense. Any lost goods must be handed in to the coach. All lost goods are taken to the Lost/ Found room to be collected there.

9. Finances

9.1 Budget

The Governing Body, Deputy Principal Sport and Sport Organiser are responsible for the Sport budget.

9.2 Donations

Donations are welcomed. All donations must be paid directly to the school's financial office or into the school's bank account. The Financial Management Board will allocate the donation to the relevant sporting code and pre-approved expenses may be covered from the donation.

9.3 Sponsors/Sponsorship

Sponsors and sponsorship must be approved and coordinated by the Principal , Deputy Principal Sport and Sport Organisers. Sponsors may sourced to help cover costs, and all sponsors are thanked by means of a letter of an acknowledgement letter signed by the Principal and are invited to a sponsors' function at the end of the year. It is the responsibility of the appropriate coach to write down the sponsor's name and details of the sponsorship in the sponsor's book. No sponsors' family may not be benefited by the sponsorship.

9.4 Expenses

The Sport's Organiser and Financial Office is responsible for the careful management of all expenditure for his/her specific sport and it must be kept within the annual the budget which is approved by the Governing Body for each sport.

9.5 Affiliation

Many sports are affiliated to a controlling sporting bodies in the province or with a sports bodies that oversees the sport in our country. All sports are encouraged to maintain this affiliation. Affiliation fees are normally payable annually and the Sports Organiser must pay the affiliation fee on time each year.

10. General rules and etiquette.

10.1 Determining of matches or practises

The school decides whether to postpone exercises/matches due to weather conditions. No practices may be postponed without the permission of the Deputy Principal Sport.

10.2 Sport photos

Team photos are taken annually (players in correct sportswear). This normally occurs in the term in which a particular sport takes place.

10.3 Tours

According to the School Policy regarding tours, the organiser and coach are free to arrange an excursion for a particular sport. It should be carefully planned a term in advance in consultation with the Deputy Principal Sport and Principal. The planning must be submitted to the Governing Body for approval. Players who cannot afford the necessary funds for the tour may request a sponsor form from the school in order to assist with the the necessary funding.

10.4 Age groups

Each player may only participate in his/her age group. No player is allowed to play "up".

In other words, no younger player may be allowed to play in a higher age group, even if he/she is better than the older players.

10.5 Selection of teams

All players are included in teams according to merit. Players are also selected, by the coach, on merit for inclusion in trials for Mpumalanga teams.

10.6 Bulletjie rugby, Mini- Netball, Mini- Hockey and Mini-tennis

Matches only take place on a friendly basis and league matches or league teams are not allowed.

The purpose of sport participation at this young age aims to:

- i. Create enjoyment for the game
- ii. Acquire skills
- iii. Promote a love for the sport
- iv. Expose as many young learners to the as possible to sports

10.7 Absence

The following rules should be applied regarding absence during practises/matches:

- A player must submit a note to excuse to the coach in advance if a practice or match is going to be missed.

- Parents should notify a coach immediately if a player has circumstances beyond their control and can't attend a game.
- If a player misses a practise he/she may not play in the subsequent match, unless there was an acceptable reason for his/her absence.
- If a player misses a game without an acceptable excuse, the coach may exclude the player from the team or omit the child from a game.
- No child may participate in practice or matches if he/she is sick.

10.8 Dress codes

Our school's prescribed dress code for sports participation is as follows:

- All sports teams play in prescribed sportswear, as determined for the specific sport. The dress code policy may change from time to time as determined by the clothing committee.
- Only first teams may, after approval by the Clothing Committee and Governing Body, play in alternate attire.
- Provincial clothing is worn when learners participate with the provincial team, on Mondays the player may put on the provincial jackets together in the school clothes.

10.9. Recognition and Awards

Recognition and awards are presented at the end of the year according to the prize giving- policy of the school during the Prize-giving functions and the Prestige evening. Acknowledgement is also during hall opening to the players involved. Only sports practiced White River Primary School will be recognised at the aforementioned functions.

10.10 Selection of team captains

The selection of captains is done by the coach of the team in question and is in consultation with the players of the team. The selection of a team captain is as follows:

- The coach explains exactly what the captains' duties entail.
- Tell players that the captains should be able to lead at all times.
- The captains are selected and appointed.
- He/she should receive guidance and assistance from the coach with his/her task.

The task of captains, overseen by the coach:

- Notify all play stars of practises and matches.
- Make sure that team has the sports kit on.
- Welcome to visiting schools during home games.
- Greet referee before a match and thank them after the match.
- Maintain discipline in the team, on and off the field
- See to it that sports' fields are left neatly behind after a match or practice.